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Gary K. Michelson

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**MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG BONE RING
IMPLANT SHAPED TO CONFORM TO A
PREPARED INVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION
SPACE**

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	282	-	284 **	0	LG-\$62 SM-\$28	\$ 0
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	8	-	8 ***	0	LG-\$220 SM-\$110	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$390 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$195	\$ 0
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In reply to the Final Office Action of October 9, 2008, the Applicant submits the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 37 of this paper.

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